

Wastewater Management Commission (WWMC)

Meeting Minutes – August 3, 2009

(Approved by WWMC on 17 August, 2009)

Meeting time: 5:00 p.m.

Location: Tiverton Community Center

Members present: John Christo, Colleen Stanton, Chris Nearpass, Don Wilbur, Noel Berg, Jeffery Stearns & Leroy Kendricks

Also in attendance: John Lincourt: (WWS) Wastewater Superintendent
Stephen Berlucchi: Public Works Director

1. The minutes of the 20 July 2009 meeting as recorded by the Secretary of the Commission was unanimously approved on a motion by Chris Nearpass and 2nd by Noel Berg.

2. Sewer Projects:

- **Bourne Mill** – The pump station control-drawing package was received and will be reviewed.

- **Mount Hope Interceptor.** John Lincourt met with Flow Assessment Services to discuss the test results. Analysis of the flow data indicated that the readings were affected by the influence from the Fall River Wastewater Treatment Plant. Two draft memos were presented to the WWMC.

(1) Memo to Jim Goncalo from Leroy Kendricks & John Lincourt dated 24 July 2009
Contains: Background on flow evaluations, findings from evaluations, conclusions and recommendations to the Town Council.

(2) Memo to Jim Goncalo from John Lincourt dated 24 July 2009 – Payment investigation by resident water bills versus flow meter readings.

Upon review of these memos and further discussion of this issue the following motion was made by Chris Nearpass, 2nd by Colleen Stanton and was unanimously passed.

Motion: Recommend to the Town Council that the Town of Tiverton fully accept the Mount Hope Bay Interceptor System and associated pump stations, and release the associated remaining retainage in full to Starwood Tiverton, LLC upon written agreement between both parties to hold harmless of any further action.

- **Canonicus Street Sewer Construction** – John Lincourt reported that the Town Council approved the bid from Hugo Key & Son for the amount of \$ 85,470.00. However; John also reported that the Town has not of this date received the funds for this project. John Lincourt will take action to resolve this issue.

- **CDBG-R funds (Sewer line construction)** – John Lincourt and Jeff Stearns presented a modified draft copy for a “Request for proposal for Sewer Extension Design Services” for the Shove Street Area. This draft proposal is made up in two sections: First section to develop and evaluate alternatives to reroute the sewer lines from the Shove Street pump station to the Bourne Mill pump station. Secondly follow-on design of a gravity sewer line within Shove Street between Walnut Street and the State Line at State Avenue. Minor changes were recommended by the WWMC. This request for proposal will be submitted for advertisement.

3. Documentation & Procedures:

- **Sewer Ordinance review (Cesspools)** – Noel Berg gave the WWMC an update on his investigation pertaining to the Town and State ordinances. Plans are continuing to schedule a workshop on (31 August 2009) with the Town Council to discuss possible modification of the Tiverton Town Ordinance pertaining to Cesspools.

- **Ponta Pump Station** – Nothing to report

4. On-Site Issues: - Nothing to report.

5. Long Range Planning: - Leroy Kendricks presented documentation he received from a contact from Block Island. This information will be very helpful to the WWMC in working toward a formation of a Wastewater Sewer District for Tiverton. The proposal to form a Wastewater Sewer District will be one of the topics for discussion at the upcoming workshop with the Town Council on 31 August.

6. Financial Report: Nothing to report

7. Public Education: - Nanaquaket Pond – Jeff Stearns and John Lincourt presented an update on the status of the Onsite Wastewater Seminar to be held on August 29, 2009 at the Amicable Congregational Church. Agenda and handout materials provided by URI were reviewed. This seminar will be held to present information to the residents of the Nanaquaket Pond Watershed Area pertaining to the septic system inspections.

8. General Administration: – Nothing to report.

9. Item added to agenda – Proposed zoning ordinance change – John Lincourt gave the WWMC members a copy of a proposed zoning ordinance change he received from the Planning Board. This copy of the proposed change pertaining to sewage disposal systems was submitted by the Tiverton Yacht Club. No discussion was held on this item and no vote was taken by the WWMC (information only).

10. A motion to adjourn (7:12 PM) made by Colleen Stanton and 2nd by Don Wilbur passed unanimously. The next WWMC meeting date is scheduled for August 17, 2009, 5:00PM at Tiverton Community Center.

Submitted by:

John S. Christo

Secretary WWMC